

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____ day _____, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 15, 2016 “NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY”
AND MARCH 14-18, 2016 AS “NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS; National Agriculture Week is celebrated every year to honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities; and

WHEREAS; the agriculture community engages tens of thousands of volunteers and organizations such as the San Luis Obispo Chapter of California Women for Agriculture to help educate their members, policymakers and the consumer about agriculture’s role in America; and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County’s agricultural industry, valued at over \$902 million, produces a bounty of high quality commodities such as strawberries, wine grapes, cattle, broccoli and vegetable transplants, and is a vital and vibrant contributor to our local economy and our way of life; and

WHEREAS; San Luis Obispo County’s diversified agriculture of over 100 different crops provides a strong base for our local economy with total annual economic contributions of over \$ 1.87 billion and the creation of over 20,000 local jobs; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in farm production for more than 60 years and the state’s farmers and ranchers have led the U.S. in the production of over 400 separate commodities; and

WHEREAS, California’s farmers and ranchers, who represent less than 1 percent of the state’s total population, contribute nearly \$44.7 billion in high-quality food, fiber, forest products and flowers annually; and

WHEREAS, California’s farmland, fertile soils, forgiving climates, agricultural technology and innovation allow each individual California farmer to produce food and fiber for 155 people; and

WHEREAS, California agriculture is a family affair with about 97 percent of all farms being operated as family farms or partnerships; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions and honors the achievements of farmers, ranchers and the 1.1 million people involved in jobs relating to California agriculture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California does here by proclaim March 15, 2016 as National Agriculture Day and March 14-18, 2016 as National Agriculture Week in San Luis Obispo County and encourages members of the public to participate in activities that acknowledge, support, and celebrate the achievements of the men and women who work throughout the year in the State's number-one industry.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted:

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk

By: _____
County Counsel